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AMENDMENT FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 1, 2007. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 1, 2007. An extension of time to file a Brief on Appeal is requested and a Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. In lieu of a Brief, the Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the application as follows: